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The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is an international organization promoting the scientific research and exchange within the field of the psychology of religion. The Association is not partial to any particular trend but aspires to provide a platform for the entire spectrum of the scientific-psychological study of religion for psychologists of religion from all over the world.

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Announcements



Dear IAPR members,

If you would like to add information in future newsletters please e-mail me the text. This may concern general announcements, conferences (future and report from past ones), job opportunities, key publications, or any other information you think IAPR members might be interested in.

If you are an early career researcher (PhD student or postdoc) and would like to see your work featured in the newsletter, contact me also.

Thank you,

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Announcements



Greetings IAPR members,

We as an organization are looking very much forward to 2019, in which two larger events will take place:

New publisher of the Archive for the Psychology of Religion

The first one is that for the first time the Archive for the Psychology of Religion will be published by Sage. We are looking forward to a good cooperation with Sage and to receive a journal in a new layout, but with the same quality content as always.

IAPR conference in Gdansk 31th August to 3rd of September 2019

The second one is the forthcoming conference in Gdansk. Please visit the homepage <https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/>

- Be aware that the deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to ***1st of March 2019***

New online members page: Access your journal online!

Further we will draw your attention to our new online membership page: <https://members.iaprweb.org/>

It will make it easier to

- Apply for membership or renew your current membership
- Update your contact information
- Access the Archive online!

After logging into an account via the "Your Membership" page, the "Journal Access" page provides online access to five journals, which are exclusively available as part of regular membership: Archive for the Psychology of Religion, Culture & Psychology, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Journal of Health Psychology, and Theory & Psychology.

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How do I access my members page?

If you are registered as a member already you will receive your username and password from our webmaster, Kyle Messick, when ready. You can pay online using Paypal or Stripe. If you do not receive a username and password within a couple of weeks, please visit the IAPR website, and you can renew your membership yourself

Membership 2019

Please renew your membership for 2019 as quickly as possible if you wish to make use of the membership benefits like reduced conference fee in Gdansk (all members) and receiving the Archive in 2019 (only regular members).

New bank account

It is still possible to pay your membership fee by bank transfer. Please be aware that the IAPR has changed bank. Info on IBAN number can be found when logging into your members page.

Best wishes,

Heidi Frølund Pedersen

General Secretary and Treasurer for the International Association for the Psychology of Religion



Call for papers: Special issue on integration of faith & work

The [Archive for the Psychology of Religion](#) and special issue Editors Prof. David W. Miller and Dr. Nicoleta Acatrinei seek paper submissions for an issue concerning the integration of faith and work. The oldest journal in the field (est. 1914), the *Archive* is the official publication of [International Association for the Psychology of Religion \(IAPR\)](#).

Long confined to the private sphere by the dominant secular worldwide view, faith/religion/spirituality is making its grand return to the public sphere (Ewest, 2018; Hill & Dik, 2012; Miller, 2007). In particular, psychology of religion, management studies, and sociology have combined to provide multiple explanations concerning how beliefs and their practice interact with workplace settings (Ashmos & Duchon, 2000; Carroll, 2013; Giacalone & Jurkiewicz, 2010; Hill & Dik, 2012; Neal, 2013). This interdisciplinary approach has demonstrated that religious and spiritual values shape attitudes and behaviors with determinant impacts both at individual and collective levels (LoRusso, 2018; Neubert, 2018; Pargament, et al. 2013). As this area of the field emerges, critical questions await investigation in several prominent domains:

Theory: What are the cognitive, social, and other sources that effectively frame this area of investigation? How can differing theories be tested competitively?

Methodology: How and in what circumstances do qualitative and quantitative approaches provide clear evidence of effects?

Application: Are there specific interventions that can be used to enhance well-being and productivity?

Submit papers for consideration by **31 March 2019** via the journal's [author portal](#).

Preliminary questions may be directed to Dr. Acatrinei at nicoleta.acatrinei@princeton.edu.

All submissions should comply with the journal's [submission guidelines](#) and will undergo standard peer evaluation.

Review articles, model testing efforts, and work that incorporates [Open Science](#) initiatives are strongly encouraged. Approximately 6 papers will be selected for the final issue.

Additional details of the call may be found on the [IAPR website](#).

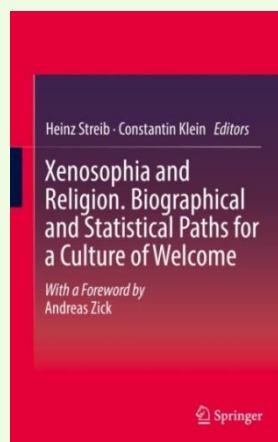


New book:

Xenosophia and Religion: Biographical and Statistical Paths for a Culture of Welcome

Editors: Heinz Streib, Constantin Klein

Current events and news from all over the world suggest that people are sticking to nationalistic ideas, are not caring for the welfare of others in desperate situations, and are afraid and suspicious of everything strange – in short: xenophobia has become epidemic. It is in this critical and heated situation that a new book is published that intends to introduce and suggests to consider the term “xenosophia.”



What is xenosophia? In one sentence, xenosophia can be described as “the wisdom that might emerge from the encounter with the strange and the wisdom of adequately responding to the strange.” The research reported in the book intends to re-balance the focus on the question of how prejudices evolve with the question how persons can benefit from encounters with the strange, how readiness for dialog emerges. Results are based on quantitative data and on interviews. And they document, on the one hand, how the welcoming attitude towards refugees has changed in the times of the so-called “refugee crisis,” but indicate, on the other hand, how specific values, world views and religious styles may encourage individual paths toward a culture of welcome, toward xenosophia.

This book documents the current polarization in Germany regarding the issue of refugee immigration presents quantitative estimates for both xenophobia and xenophilia in the German population presents case studies with paths to xenosophia does not focus only on the pathogenic model that accounts for outcomes such as xenophobia, but on a salutogenic model that entails xenosophia.

15 chapters / 392 pages
ISBN 978-3-319-74564-0

For more information, see: <https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783319745633>

Research profile



Research profile: Grégory Dessart

Dear members of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion,

I have just defended my doctoral thesis in the religious studies (psychology of religion) at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) under the supervision of Prof. Pierre-Yves Brandt, end of January this year. Committee members were: Prof. Kevin L. Ladd, Prof. Fabrice Clément and Prof. Fotini Bonoti.



Wanting to pursue an academic career in the psychology of religion, and more broadly in cultural and religious studies, I am reaching out to you for possible post-doc positions, should our research interests converge.

My initial background lies in neuropsychology and cognitive psychopathology. My general approach to psychological research is led by the cognitive sciences while remaining sensitive to cultural differences.

Several studies were conducted within the framework of my doctoral research. They addressed children's drawings of God, adopting developmental and socio-cultural perspectives. The three main lines of research were: co-existing humanness and non-humanness, gender-typing the divine and emotionally connoted representations. A fairly natural step from there would be to move on to morality and potential links between God representations and socially relevant behaviors. This may involve religious practice and the use of visual data (e.g., drawings, photographs).

By the end of February this year, I will be available to undertake scientific research together. Being from Belgium, I am currently based in Switzerland, although geographically mobile. Best ways of communicating are - for now - English and French (mother tongue).

Please do get in touch regarding any relevant projects! g.r.dessart@gmail.com

Keywords: *psychology of religion, developmental psychology, visual studies, God representations, cognitive sciences, mixed methods, content analysis*

Conferences



Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Call for Papers for the 2019 Annual Meeting

When: October 25-27, 2018

Where: Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Diversifying the Social Scientific Study of Religion: The Next Seventy Years

At a time of unparalleled communication among societies; at a time when religion holds both the power to bring conflict and the power to bring peace; at a time when pluralism and globalization are recasting what it means to study religion; it is the right time to celebrate and champion nuanced diversity in the social scientific study of religion. We need studies that bring together scholars from different social locations and different disciplines in service of a deeper understanding of diversity. We need studies that examine how religion sits alongside, influences, and is influenced by other social locations, identities and institutions: social institutions where religion is important. We need studies that examine different nation and state contexts. We need studies that compare different religious traditions as well as understand the varieties of non-religion. We need studies that examine diverse publics as well as initiatives, which translate our research to and receive feedback from diverse publics. As we both critically examine the past while charting the vision for the future of the social scientific study of religion, we invite papers and panels that address some aspect of diversity in the social scientific study of religion.

Submissions Open: **February 1, 2019**

Submissions Close: **March 31, 2019**

Decision Notification: **April 30, 2019**

Please submit your proposal at <https://sssreligion.org/annual-meeting/call-for-papers/>

Please direct all inquiries to the SSSR 2019 Program Chairs:

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<https://sssreligion.org/annual-meeting/information/>



Conferences



9th SRCD Preconference on Religious & Spiritual Development *Cognitive & Affective Components of Religious & Beliefs*

Colleagues & friends,

Chris Boyatzis, Pamela Ebstyn King, and I invite you to register for the 9th SRCD Preconference on Religious & Spiritual Development. The focus this year will be on the Cognitive & Affective Components of Religious & Beliefs. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in Baltimore, MD.

Thanks to a generous donation from The John Templeton Foundation, this event is FREE for attendees. Light breakfast, lunch, and other food will be provided.

We are putting together a great line up of speakers. In addition, we encourage all attendees to present their relevant SRCD posters. We are also accepting submissions (approx. 250 words) for 5-minute, data blitz talks.

Please register at the Religious & Spiritual Development website:

<https://www.religiousdev.com/9th-pre-conference-2019>

You can also peruse the website and sign-up for the listserve if you are interested. Please forward to anyone you think may want to participate.

See you in Baltimore!
Bekah, Chris, & Pam

Rebekah A. Richert, Ph.D.

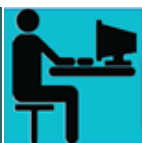
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Job Openings & Grants



Baylor University / John Templeton Foundation funding

Through generous support from the John Templeton Foundation, Baylor University is soliciting applications for two Requests for Proposals in relation to the project, "Character Strength Interventions for Adolescents: Engaging Scholars and Practitioners to Promote Virtue Development." Both RFPs aim to galvanize widespread scientific development and dissemination of virtue interventions for adolescents across a diversity of contexts youth inhabit that attend to spirituality and transcendent purpose. Proposals for both calls should focus on interventions targeted to develop one or more of eight virtues, including: love, gratitude, hope, patience, generosity, joy, wisdom, and forgiveness. Dr. Sarah Schnitker (Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Baylor University) and Dr. Benjamin Houltberg (Director of Research, USC Performance Science Institute, Marshall School of Business) are leading this project.

RFP 1: Engaging Scholars and Practitioners to Promote Virtue Development grants will award 3-5 grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000. Researchers and youth practitioners in collaboration to develop and test interventions targeted to build virtues in adolescents in non-school based contexts (e.g., athletic teams, religious organizations, youth community centers, youth organizations). The project timeline is fall 2019-2021.

➤ Application Deadline: **May 1, 2019.**

RFP 2: The Improving Character Strengths of Adolescents through Technology Innovation grants will award 3-5 grants ranging from \$60,000 to \$80,000 for a project timeline of 12-14 months from fall 2019-2020. The Technology Innovation Grants will fund innovative technological or new media product prototype development based on applied positive developmental science. Example products include smartphone apps, video games, and content for new media regularly frequented by adolescents (e.g., YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram).

➤ Application Deadline: **June 1, 2019.**

To learn more about this grant, the sub-award opportunities and how to apply, visit: <https://www.baylor.edu/research/index.php?id=957449>

Contact the team at character_intervention@baylor.edu if you have any questions.

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Graduate student project

My lab is looking to host a senior(ish) graduate student for two months this summer (probably June/July).

Ideally, this student will have some good technical skills for big data analyses (e.g., Python). Should also be interested in some combination of morality/politics/technology/religion.

We're happy to collaborate with this student's advisor-just have some funding to kick-start some new projects. Stipend is \$6K.

To apply, email Kyra Kapsaskis (kyrakaps@gmail.com) with single merged pdf containing a one-page statement of skills/interests/thoughts followed by your CV. Email me with questions.

-Kurt

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